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SUBJECT: KOREA AND NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE (NAC)

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1. IN MAY 16 MEETING WITH KOREAN EMBASSY MINISTER KANG WE AGAIN DISCUSSED QUESTION OF KOREAN MEMBERSHIP IN THE NAC. KANG SAID THAT CONTRARY TO EXPECTATIONS THIS SUBJECT DID NOT COME UP DURING THE RECENT VISIT OF THE ROK PRIME MINISTER TO SAUDI ARABIA. HOWEVER, IN A MORE GENERAL VEIN, SAUDI MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRINCE SAUD AL-FAISAL TOLD THE SOUTH KOREAN DELEGATION THAT SAUDI ARABIA WOULD CONTINUE ITS DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT FOR SOUTH KOREA INCLUDING ITS SUPPORT IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (SAUD AL-FAISAL INTERESTINGLY VOLUNTEERED ACTIVE SAUDI SUPPORT IN BEHALF OF SOUTH KOREA IN THE EVENT THE KOREAN ISSUE AGAIN ARISES AT THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY).

2. SUBSEQUENT TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S DEPARTURE ROK AMBASSADOR YOON HAS DISCUSSED THE QUESTION OF KOREAN MEMBERSHIP IN THE NAC WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER

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MAS'UD AND OTHERS. MAS'UD HAS AGAIN SAID THAT THE

SAG IS NOT MUCH INTERESTED IN NAC AFFAIRS BECAUSE OF THE PREVALENCE OF "SOCIALIST" STATES IN THAT ORGANIZATION. IT HAS NOT YET EVEN DECIDED WHETHER IT WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE LIMA MEETING.

3. THE SAUDIS HAVE INFORMED THE KOREAN EMBASSY THAT THE ALGERIAN GOVERNMENT HAS CIRCULATED TO OTHER ARAB GOVERNMENTS A LETTER URGING SUPPORT FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF NORTH KOREA IN THE NAC. THE SAUDIS HAVE TOLD THE SOUTH KOREAN EMBASSY THAT THEY WILL CIRCULATE A SIMILAR LETTER TO OTHER ARAB GOVERNMENTS URGING THAT SOUTH KOREA BE ACCEPTED AS A MEMBER OF THE NAC.

4. THE KOREAN EMBASSY IS NOW AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS FROM SEOUL AS TO WHAT FURTHER STEPS IT SHOULD TAKE. SPECIFICALLY, THEY DO NOT YET KNOW WHETHER THEY SHOULD URGE SAUDI ARABIA TO ATTEND THE LIMA CONFERENCE IN ORDER TO PUSH SOUTH KOREA'S MEMBERSHIP BID.

5. COMMENT: WE WILL REMAIN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE SOUTH KOREAN EMBASSY ON THIS ISSUE. WE HAVE NOT YET RAISED THIS SUBJECT WITH THE SAG AND DO NOT INTEND TO UNTIL WE SEE WHAT THE ROK'S NEXT STEP WILL BE. FOR THE MOMENT THINGS SEEM TO BE GOING FAIRLY WELL. IF THEY SEEM TO BE FALTERING OUR INTERVENTION MIGHT MAKE A DIFFERENCE. IN GENERAL WE FIND THAT THE SAG IS MORE ENTHUSIASTIC AND EFFECTIVE IN PUSHING CAUSES IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT IT HAS ITSELF ESPOUSED THAN IT IS IN PUSHING ISSUES THAT WE HAVE URGED IT TO TAKE UP.
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